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SUBJECT: TTPI LOSDEL LETTER TO AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON

1. AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM  
SENATOR NICK BOSSY, CHAIRMAN OF TTPI LOS DEL, DATED  
MAY 15, 1978, WHICH IS SUMMARIZED BELOW. FULL TEXT  
BEING TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL.

BEGIN SUMMARY: FOLLOWING POINTS REQUIRE ACTION IN BOTH  
SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERY AGENCY AND THE TRUSTEESHIP  
COUNCIL MEETING IN NEW YORK.

A. MICRONESIA SHOULD HAVE CONTRACTING PARTY STATUS  
ON A LAW OF THE SEA CONVENTION.

B. RECENT ACTIONS BY THE FISHERIES NEGOTIATION TEAM  
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WHICH SEEK TO DENY TTPI FREEDOM  
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OF SPEECH IN PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES CONFERENCES.

IN SPFRA, TTPI SHOULD FUNCTION AS AN "OBSERVER"  
DELEGATION, SO THAT TTPI CAN TAKE POSITIONS DIFFERENT  
FROM THOSE OF THE US, PARTICULARLY ON TUNA, ALONG THE LINES  
OF THE TTPI LOS DEL STATUS AT UNCLOS.

INSTEAD, US FISHERIES NEGOTIATORS BYPASSED TTPI LOSDEL BY INVITING THE STATUS NEGOTIATING COMMISSIONS OF MARSHALLS AND PALAU, AND THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, TO A STATUS NEGOTIATING MEETING IN MOLOKAI IN OCTOBER OF 1977.

US NEGOTIATORS TOOK POSITION THAT THE PALAU AND MARSHALLS STATUS NEGOTIATING GROUPS AND CONGRESS REPS WERE BOUND BY USDEL DISCIPLINE, AND COULD NOT TAKE POSITIONS INCONSISTENT WITH US POSITIONS, SAYING THAT THIS CONDITION WAS IMPOSED BY THE SPONSORS OF THE CONFERENCE AND NOT BY THE U.S.

US IS AT LIBERTY TO HAVE OTHER TTPI ADVISERS ON ITS SUVA DEL, BUT THE LEGISLATIVE MANDATE OF THE TTPI LOSDEL AS AN INDEPENDENT BODY SHOULD ALSO BE RESPECTED. THE WILLINGNESS OF THE US FISHERIES NEGOTIATORS TO "RESORT TO TACTICAL MANEUVERS OF A MOST QUESTIONABLE KIND" INTRUDES ON THE MOST SENSITIVE AND DIVISIVE ISSUE IN MICRONESIA -- THE FUTURE UNITY OR DISMEMBERMENT OF MICRONESIA. THE TTPI LOS DEL, WHICH HAS PALAUAN AND MARSHALLESE REPS, HAS BEEN SCRUPULOUS IN CONDUCTING ITS DUTIES IN A "STATUS NEUTRAL" MANNER.

ATTACHED TO BOSSY'S LETTER IS A COPY OF A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SEVENTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1978, S.J.R. NO. 7-65, DATED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FEBRUARY 1978 WHICH RESOLVED THAT IT WAS THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS THAT THE MICRONESIA LOSDEL SHOULD REPRESENT MICRONESIA AND THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AT ANY REGIONAL CONFERENCES ON MARINE RESOURCES SUCH AS THE SPRFA, ON THE BASIS OF FULL AND FREE PROTECTION OF MICRONESIAN INTERESTS. RICHARDSON

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